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## DECISION IS 'MADNESS'

Kent League Faversham Town (in white) try to tackle Ryman Premier League pacesetters Dover Athletic in a pre-season match last summer - but it seems Dover are set to score a late winner in a controversial battle to partner plans for a football academy at the Abbey School. A decision club manager Justin Luchford describes as "madness". What do you think of the plans to side with Dover not Faversham? Make your voice heard. Email: [Yourswale@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:Yourswale@kosmedia.co.uk) or write to: The Editor, Yourswale, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford, TN25 6SR.

■ BY NICK AMES

**AMBITIOUS** plans for a football academy set up in partnership with Abbey School and Faversham Town FC look set to be dashed.

And to rub salt into the club's wounds, it looks likely the school will instead partner with non-league rivals Dover Athletic.

The academy is designed to nurture the next generation of football talent, raising the profile of both the town and, it had been hoped, our local non-league club.

Yourswale understands an announcement could be made as early as this week to confirm the tie-up with the south coast side.

It will come as a massive blow to Faversham Town which says it has been in negotiations for six months with the school. Although the academy will still be in the town Faversham were keen to further cement their community credentials.

The school's apparent shimmy towards the team 25 miles away has enraged club chiefs – with one describing the move as "madness".

But the school has denied any wrongdoing. It said a statement published on the football club's website this week – entitled 'Abbey School shun Town in favour of Dover Athletic' was "inaccurate".

However, it refused to comment further until after the half-term break this week. It appears funding issues lie at the heart of the split.

Faversham Town had been in talks with the Abbey School for six months, with negotiations taking place, say the club, with the school's head of PE Simon Finlan and year head

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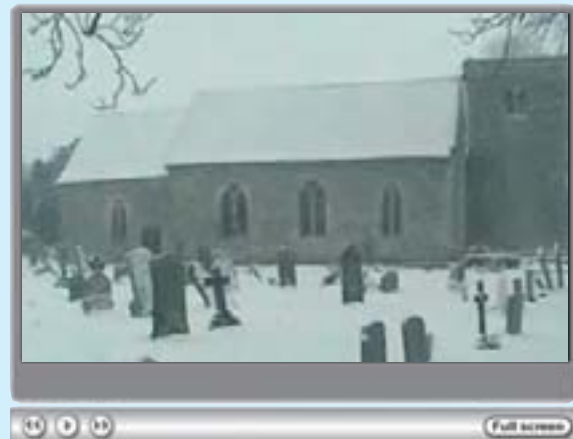


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**STROKE OF FORTUNE:** New £80,000 grant will help safeguard future of town's swimming pool

# Green light given to splash cash to keep pool afloat

BY NICK AMES

A GRANT of up to £80,000 to run Faversham Swimming Pools has been approved by Swale council's executive committee, safeguarding its immediate future.

And, what's more, new jobs could be created at the popular venue in Leslie Smith Drive too.

It is still to be ratified at full council but this is most likely a 'rubber stamping' exercise as all parties are aware of how popular the pools are.

The sum will cover running costs for the financial year 2009/10 after it was agreed at a recent meeting.

If the cash had not been forthcoming a report to council warned that the facility would suffer and may have even had to close.

A spokeswoman for Swale council said: "We fund any deficits incurred by the trust which runs the pools themselves."

"This has now been put on a more formal footing with a set amount guaranteed."

"The pool is an extremely popular local facility and this will guarantee its future."

"The money will cover such things as maintenance and running costs."

The report also recommends that better communication be established between both the council and trust which runs the leisure facilities which are extremely popular among the town's residents.

The Faversham Pools are not only popular locally, but draw in families from surrounding towns too, making it a vital asset to the community.

Staff at the pool said they were delighted at the news that they could continue to offer "a great facility for the area at a low cost to the council".

Cllr Rick Barnicott is chairman of the pools' trust.

He said: "I welcome the progress that has been made but we still have to wait for a final decision."

"This is an excellent step in the right direction for the people who use the pools and those who work there, however."

"The recommendation is that we get the money we asked for plus a little bit more to cover the cost of upgrading what we have and maybe taking on some new staff."

## 'In my eyes this is just madness'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Darren Hare. Mr Hare is also assistant manager at Dover Athletic.

An insider at Dover confided to Yoursware the school was at a "highly advanced" stage of talks and that an announcement of a working relationship was imminent.

Town manager Justin Luchford said: "I am extremely disappointed. This was and should have been a perfect partnership which would have worked for both parties. It now appears a Faversham school will be having a football academy with a club from another town. In my eyes this is just madness."

The official club statement said: "For the past six months we have been in discussion with Abbey School regarding a joint venture to bring a football academy to the town with the intention of providing local youngsters the opportunity of extending their education and developing their footballing skills."

"As recently as January 19 the club believed negotiations were progressing well and a joint meeting took place between club officials, the school and a representative of the Conference Youth League. No mention of any concerns were raised with the school."

### Enhance

"The club was, therefore, disappointed to hear the school had decided to enter into negotiations with Dover Athletic."

The club went on to say that it had made it plain it was not in a position to fund, even partially, the project.

The statement added: "Faversham Town's sole motivation for this gesture was to provide local youngsters with the opportunity to enhance their footballing and educational skills, with the added bonus of seeing them progress through the ranks wearing a Lilywhite shirt."

"Other benefits would have seen both parties actively supporting the other in the pursuit of grant funding to improve facilities available to youngsters."

"We are disappointed the school has opted to proceed in this project without us. Faversham Town has invested a great deal of time and effort into driving this forward and feels a combined partnership between club and school would be a best option for the town."

The Dover Athletic source added: "The club had a number of meetings with schools and would have liked to work with one in our town. However there did not seem to be the structure and facilities in place to do so."

Yoursware contacted Kent County Council to give the school further opportunity to comment on the claims but at the time of going to press on Tuesday, had received no response.



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# Young animators go wild in the classroom

■ BY NICK AMES

**WATCH** out Wallace & Gromit, you've got competition – and hundreds have flocked online to see the latest generation of talented animators.

A team of junior artists – all of the grand age of seven – from Ethelbert Road Primary School spent 14 weeks making the mini features.

And after they posted them on YouTube they become a hit with more than 200 people flocking to watch them. What's more, a new batch went online this week.

They all focus on wildlife; one has an octopus and various other undersea creatures while the others have a pair of worms and a hedgehog as their main subjects.

Headteacher Samantha Fenn said the staff had learnt alongside the pupils when it came to designing the short films.

She said: "Animation was new for everyone when we formed an after school club to make the productions.

"It was a learning experience for both pupils and their teachers and they all benefited."

The project started with discussions between all parties as to what the subject matter should be.

Ms Fenn said: "Everyone had a look at things like Wallace & Gromit to see how they were put together.

"They then made up a storyboard, before constructing the models and the sets.

"It was then time to learn how to move the models a little bit at a time and make the small



**MODEL PUPILS:** Headteacher Samantha Fenn with some of the creatures made by pupils during the animation project

movements which are then filmed in order to simulate action.

"It is quite a challenging task to get it all up and running and everyone was very pleased with the results.

"As well as getting hits on YouTube the cameras have come into the school as local television news crews have been seeing how we made the films.

"The pupils have been very excited at the results of their work and the interest that has

been shown from so many different people."

The group then uploaded the films and added the finishing touches.

"It was quite an ambitious project, but a great success," said Ms Fenn.

"Our latest films are based on the Star Wars films and another is about a hippo."

• **What's more, you can get a glimpse of the films and the work which went into the process by logging on to our free broadband TV website, [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk). Simply search 'Faversham'.**

## Pupils' art set for National Gallery

**ARTWORK** by children from Selling Church of England Primary will be exhibited in the National Gallery after they were successful in a competition held across the UK.

The school will be one of only ten to have its work displayed at the prestigious gallery in London.

Class Six entered the National Gallery's annual Take One Picture project. This required them to respond artistically to a well-known picture in an original way.

This year's picture, The Fighting Temeraire by JMW Turner, shows the ship being towed away to be broken up.

The children wondered what happened to the timber afterwards. They learnt that much of it was used for houses and furniture, so they then used reclaimed oak to build a traditional table.

The final result of all their work will be on show between April and July.

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## End of the road for HGV drink driver

A LORRY driver from Faversham is set to pay a hefty price for driving home after having a few drinks on a night out.

And after being disqualified for a year by magistrates, he will lose his job after toppling over the drink drive limit.

Dominic Boyes, 23, of Abbey Fields, was only just over the legal limit when he was arrested in Herne Bay.

Police stopped him after they noticed one of the front lights on his car wasn't working.

Noel Watkins, prosecuting at Canterbury Magistrates Court last week, told magistrates Boyes readily accepted he had had a couple of drinks in a local night club.

Boyes told the court: "I'm sorry for what I have done. I will lose my job as an HGV driver because of this."

He was disqualified from driving for a year, fined £180 and ordered to pay £60 costs plus £15 victim surcharge.

Meanwhile, fire crews last week had to clear up a large pool of petrol flooding part of Crispin Close. Police believe about 30 litres of the liquid had leaked from a car after thieves had tried to syphon off petrol from its tank.

## Town hall chiefs in search for firm to take over at market

THE company behind the town's popular market looks set to be replaced after it ran into financial difficulties.

Hughmark International, which runs market sites across the UK, went into administration earlier this month. Its business has been taken over by its sister company Hughmark Continental. It has taken over the running of the thrice-weekly market - one of the oldest in Kent - on an interim basis.

It is operating the Market Place market on a week-by-week basis.

Now Swale council chiefs have begun the hunt for a new market operator to step in and help boost the market's fortunes.

Trading on a Tuesday has slumped but is seen as a 'loss leader' by the market operators. Sales on the Friday and Saturday markets "compensates" for the losses.

However, it is widely expected markets will see a boom in customers as a result of the recession forcing families to slash budgets and



hunt out bargains.

So at a meeting recently councillors agreed that a new operator should be sought before August of this year.

In a report to councillors compiled by officers it is emphasised markets are an important source of goods for some residents who may not use shops because of budgetary restrictions.

The document states: "In the round of market operations nationally, Faversham is holding its own."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Dane John flasher gets eight month prison term

A FLASHER who exposed himself in Dane John Gardens last year has been jailed for eight months.

Karol Walowski, 33, of Howfield Lane, Chartham, was charged with indecently exposing himself in the popular green area on the city centre on December 17.

He appeared before Canterbury Crown Court last week, where he pleaded guilty. Unemployed Walowski will also be placed on the sex offenders' register for five years.

## Fears as furniture store jobs hang in the balance

STAFF at the Wincheap branch of Land of Leather have been warned their jobs are at risk as the firm's administrators struggle to find a buyer for the ailing firm.

Administrators at Deloitte intended to sell the company as a going concern, but are having difficulty selling the remaining 82 stores. Workers have been told that a buyer has not yet been found, and that they risk redundancy. The Kent-based firm employs a total of 650 people nationwide.

## Keep your eyes on new Whippersnapper group

LEADING children's theatre group Whippersnapper has officially been renamed.

The Whitstable-based company, now called The Wide-Eyed Theatre Group, runs Tall Tale Tuesday kids workshops at the Horsebridge, and the Marlowe Youth Theatre drama workshops.

For information about the club, contact Ms Oliver on 07786 656136 or Ms Reeder on 07814 018169.

## Warning after cowboy cleaner dupes residents

A BOGUS window cleaner is trying to con people in Swalecliffe and householders are being warned to be on alert.

Police are circulating a leaflet in the area warning householders about the cowboy cleaner. It's been reported that a man has been asking residents for money stating he has cleaned their windows when he hasn't.

He is described as white, aged between 30 and 40, medium build with short hair.

Call police on 01227 762055.

# Is our city on track to lose its identity?

BY GARETH ARNOLD

CANTERBURY risks becoming a high priced commuter city with the introduction of the high-speed rail link, warns top economics expert David Freud.

The ex-investment banker – who hit the headlines at the weekend for breaking away from the Government to become a Tory Party advisor – has warned that although the rail link promises benefits, the effects must be carefully managed.

He said: "It will have a huge effect on the city, both negative and positive; 61 minutes from central London, Canterbury is one of the few nice cities with its own identity. There is not that many if you think about it."

"The potential negative effects include turning Canterbury into too much of a commuter city – this is a very real danger."

"And the other big danger is raising house prices. People might think it's very nice to be living in a house where prices are going up, but really I don't think it does an area much good."

Mr Freud is great-grandchild of world famous psychologist Sigmund Freud and made his name in the City. But he hit the headlines when then Prime Minister Tony Blair hired him two years ago to review the welfare system.

But he warned Canterbury must have the infrastructure in place to cope with the inevitable increase in population the high-speed link will bring.

He said: "The population is going to increase, and this will put pressure on housing and the infrastructure to support it. Canterbury needs to make sure there is enough housing, and the infrastructure can support the extra people."

He will be giving this year's Lord Mayor of Canterbury's Lecture on Friday, where he will expand on the effects of the high-speed link and give his opinion on the recession.

Speaking to this newspaper he said: "It's going to be a very deep recession, but not as long as one might fear."

"Will we be better off after the recession? No."



**WARNING:** Economic expert David Freud will deliver the Lord Mayor of Canterbury's Lecture this Friday

The world economy has over-traded by about 10 per cent. We need to lose that, and then build it back up over the next four to five years."

David Freud will be speaking at the University of Kent's Keynes Lecture Theatre on Friday, February 20 at 6pm. The event is free and booking is not required.

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## Stars skate in for Marlowe show

ICE skating fans have been getting hot under the collar this week as some of the world's top skaters took to the Marlowe Theatre.

Cirque de Glace saw the Russian Ice Stars strap on their skates for a jaw-dropping run on an ice rink constructed on the stage.

Combining thrilling circus disciplines while on the ice, it pulled in the crowds in a run which ended on Sunday.

But don't worry if you missed the spectacle – we sent our video crew from our free broadband TV channel, www.yourkenttv.co.uk, down to

meet the team behind the project and catch some of the action on the ice.

Among those taking part were John Hamer – the three times former British figure skating champion from Medway.

Yourkenttv.co.uk's Julie Maddocks caught up with the star to get his take on the action, what it is like to work with the Russian Ice Stars and take a look back over his hugely successful career.

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**RAVE REVIEWS:** Editor of the Good Food Guide says the Goods Shed has done a lot to champion local produce

# Tasty triangle's putting area on good food map

PIONEERING chefs and high quality local produce have created an east Kent triangle of culinary heaven according to experts at The Good Food Guide.

Between Canterbury, Whitstable and Faversham exists what foodies are describing as the centre of great British food.

Elizabeth Carter, editor of The Good Food Guide, said: "It started with Reads in Faversham which for years was the only decent restaurant in the area with an emphasis on local produce."

"The head chef there, David Pitchford, trained many, many young chefs, some of whom moved back to the area."

"Then ten years ago the Harris brothers took over the Sportsman in Seasalter and they have also trained chefs; it's all grown out from there."

The combination of well trained chefs and good quality Kentish fare has proved a winning formula with restaurants such as The Goods Shed, The Sportsman and Reads receiving rave reviews from dozens of national food critics.

Mrs Carter said: "Chefs visiting Kent are blown away by the local produce. There is the feeling of something happening in east Kent. You have all these superb farmers markets

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

like The Goods Shed and Macknade.

"The Goods Shed has done so much to champion local produce."

And while west Kent boasts some award-winning restaurants such as Thackeray's in Tunbridge Wells, the other side of the county can't hold a candle to the gastronomic powerhouse east of Faversham.

Mrs Carter said: "This triangle in east Kent is very concentrated. Just in Whitstable itself you have Wheelers, Jo Jo's and Williams & Brown, and then in Faversham there's Reads and in Canterbury the Goods Shed."

"Then in between you have all these wonderful pubs like the Three Mariners at Oare and the Dove at Dargate. These pubs join up the dots."

"They don't have that in west Kent."

Faversham-based brewer Shepherd Neame is delighted by the recognition afforded to several of its pubs.

More than one quarter of Kent listings in The Good Food Guide 2009 are Shepherd Neame pubs, including old favourites the Dove in Dargate, the Granville in Lower Hardres, and the Sportsman, as well as new entries the Fitzwalter Arms in Canterbury and the Three Mariners in Oare.

## Click online to join Jon at music club

SINGER songwriter Jon Woode launched his new album with a special performance at Canterbury's Orange Street Music Club.

The performer showcased his latest offering, Country Roads, by performing When I Was A Boy and Shadows of the Wind at the popular city centre venue.

But don't worry if you missed it – you can tune in and get a taste of the evening on our free broadband TV channel [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Urgent need for volunteers

ENERGETIC volunteers are desperately needed to help provide care for an old people's home in Tankerton.

The Friends of St John Nursing Home are making the appeal for help in running the St John Nursing Home in Gloucester Road.

It opened in 1947 and is currently home to 18 residents, the oldest of whom is 98.

A spokesman for the home said: "What we need are new energetic volunteers that can bring fresh ideas, are able to help take the residents on outings during the summer and who can help with fundraising."

"The staff at the home do a fantastic job in looking after everyone and the role of the friends of St John is to simply make their lives that bit more enjoyable."

If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer friend to the home please contact the St John Nursing Home on 01227 273043.

## Race is flipping good fun

IT'S frying pans at the ready for Herne Bay's annual charity pancake race next Tuesday.

It takes place on Shrove Tuesday – February 24 – at noon in Mortimer Street and will include the likes of Invicta FM stars Gemma Shepherd and Neil Kefford.

Chris West, of the Herne Bay Town Partnership said: "This is a chance for the community to let their hair down and have some fun."

Teams can make a suggested donation of £20. All the proceeds go to Help a Kent Child.

Entries in advance to Chris West on 01227 742765 or [chris.west@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:chris.west@canterbury.gov.uk).

## Boy, 12, attacked by teens

POLICE have branded a gang of thugs "despicable" after they attempted to rob a 12-year-old in Herne Bay.

The youngster was punched and kicked by three older boys near East Cliffe Parade, at around 5pm on February 4 after he refused to hand over money and his phone. The boys aged between 16 to 18 then made a cowardly get-away in the direction of Reculver. They all wore hooded tops and scarves around their faces.

PC Chris Sherwin said: "To assault and attempt to rob someone so young is despicable and we are keen to arrest those involved in the crime."

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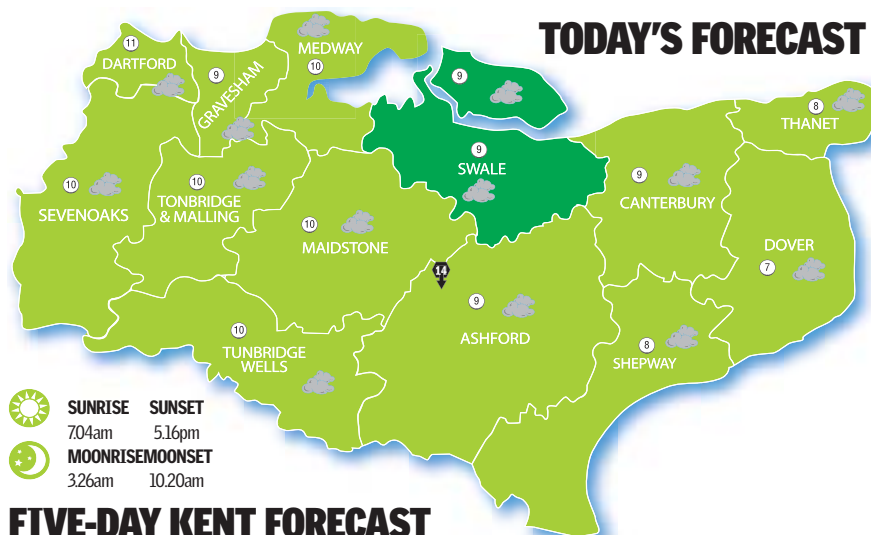
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Chatham	Saturday	10:35am	4.9m
	Sunday	11:25am	5.3m
Dover	Saturday	9:01am	5.4m
	Sunday	9:48am	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:36am	6.0m
	Sunday	9:30am	6.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	9:31am	4.1m
	Sunday	10:18am	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	10:24am	4.8m
	Sunday	11:14am	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	10:31am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:26am	4.8m

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	8°C	Madrid	10°C
Athens	8°C	New York	3°C
Barcelona	10°C	Paris	8°C
Beijing	0°C	Rome	9°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	24°C
Cape Town	29°C	Tenerife	20°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	14°C
Gibraltar	13°C	Vancouver	6°C
Hong Kong	23°C	Warsaw	-1°C
Las Palmas	20°C	Wellington	16°C



**WINNER:** Joy with Invicta FM presenter Neil Kefford

## Joy shows a clean pair of heels to scoop new motor

A WOMAN won the race to swipe a new car in the Invicta FM Gone in 60 Seconds competition. Joy Stickells reached it in under a minute after hearing it was parked outside her Sittingbourne home to get through to the final and then chose the correct key to start it.

Four other people qualified for the final 'key-off', but they each chose incorrectly after arriving at FG Barnes Showroom in Maidstone.

They were asked to choose a key at random and then try to start the car and Ms Stickells' managed to fire up the Vauxhall Corsa Activ.

Invicta FM Drivetime presenter Neil Kefford was broadcasting from the showroom during the competition. He said "I remember feeling really nervous when we were parked outside Joy's house in Sittingbourne. I was just hoping that she would make it to the car within the 60 seconds. "But within seconds of her name being announced she was running towards us faster than Linford Christie."

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	10°C	10°C	7°C	7°C	9°C	Gravesend	11°C	11°C	8°C	8°C	9°C
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Chatham	9°C	9°C	7°C	7°C	9°C	Ramsgate	9°C	8°C	6°C	6°C	7°C
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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### KAREN RICHARDSON



#### Q Describe the Cambridge Diet.

**A** Weight management with Cambridge offers a series of flexible programmes. The programmes range from 415 calories a day to 1,500 calories a day. Your personal circumstances will determine which programme is best for you to follow. All of the programmes are based on the Cambridge Diet, a nutritionally balanced formula food. There is plenty of choice within the diet, from soups or shakes you mix-up, to ready-mixed tetra briks and a range of flavoured chocolate covered meal bars. In the UK the Cambridge diet is only available through an accredited Cambridge counsellor so that you can benefit from their personal advice and guidance. As counsellors we have successfully managed our own weight through using the diet, so have the experience to help you manage yours.

#### Q How did it get its name?

**A** The Cambridge Diet stems from the early 1960's, when Dr Alan Howard, then a research scientist at the University of Cambridge developed an interest in being overweight and obesity. He began to investigate methods of weight reduction using himself as one of the guinea pigs. Together with Dr Ian Mclean-Baird of the West Middlesex Hospital they went on to develop what they regarded as the "perfect diet". Successful trials led to the introduction of the Cambridge Diet.

#### Q How did you become involved in the project?

**A** After battling with my own weight for more than ten years I was heading for a size 20, which personally I couldn't deal with, so it was time to take action. I had tried other diets but it had never worked for me. I heard about the sole source programme with Cambridge and decided to make enquiries. The plan seemed so easy and before I knew it I started the new year on my journey to a new me. As I lost weight my confidence grew and this person who had been locked away started to emerge. It changed my life so much that I wanted to help other people achieve the same. Once I had achieved my goal weight I started the process to become a counsellor.

#### Q How do you apply it to others?

**A** By completing a medical record form for all clients I can assess which programme would be most suitable for them. We discuss this along with how much they are looking to lose and I will explain how the selected programme works. We set a stretching but achievable goal which usually brings them down to a healthy BMI. I then normally see people on a weekly basis to discuss how the diet is working for them as well as weighing and measuring them to monitor their progress. Over the course of the diet we will discuss their attitude towards food and how they became overweight in the first place as it is these habits we need to break.

#### Q What is the best part about the work you do?

**A** I love seeing people vanish before my eyes and their confidence grow. Those who follow the plan steadily lose weight each week and it's great when people come in and say that they've managed to get into an old pair of jeans. Another good one is when they see a friend they haven't seen in a while and they don't recognise them, it's great. I will never forget one lady who on her first visit was out of breath when she got to the top of the stairs. Now she has lost six stone she flies through the door and up the stairs!

#### Q How do people react to their weight loss?

**A** They love it and are normally determined not to go back to the person they used to be. You find that people compliment you for a long time so you get a real boost and are on a high for quite a while. Clothes shopping is much easier and you can often get into the clothes you could before and wear different styles. It's really weird how it changes you, it's almost as if there has been an inner person hiding away and they suddenly come out and at first you don't recognise them but after a while they become the new you!

#### Q How can people get in touch with you?

**A** I can be contact on 01795 428533 or 07729 794078. My email address is karen.cambridge@btinternet.com.

Q & A

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# White horse wins but how can we clean it?

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

SECRET staircases leading cleaners to 50ft-high abseil hatches could be the answer to maintenance issues surrounding Kent's giant white horse.

The idea is one of several being considered by engineers working with Turner Prize-winning artist Mark Wallinger, who last week beat off competition from a shortlist of talents to win the multi-million-pound Ebbsfleet Landmark Project commission.

Speaking exclusively to our sister paper Kent on Sunday, Mr Wallinger revealed that the horse could also be built using new 'concrete spinning' techniques to increase the structure's strength.

## Technology

He said: "There have been great advances in concrete technology in recent years, which makes the material a lot stronger than it was before.

"My study team has come up with several different ideas as to what we could do, including putting some sort of steps into the horse's legs and having little abseil hatches for the cleaners to hang out of.

"But the planning process will probably take about a year, so we'll be able to work out the details along the way."

The £2 million white horse, which is being privately funded by Eurostar, Land Securities and London and Continental Railway, will stand prominently at Springhead Park and overlook Ebbsfleet Valley and Ebbsfleet international station.

It was announced as the winning design on Tuesday last week, just hours before the real horse it was modelled on – Riviera Red – won

in the 2.40pm flat race at Lingfield. Mr Wallinger said: "It was a bizarrely amazing day because I own an eighth of the horse and it had only ever won one race before. So it was a unique double for me.

"He may not be the fastest horse, but he's very good to look at and we needed an attractive thoroughbred to be able to model the design on and take pictures of from every angle."

Mr Wallinger's design was originally criticised by Kent County Council, which wanted the animal to be 'prancing' like the Invicta symbol in the authority's crest.

However, deputy leader Alex King welcomed

the judges' decision despite them ignoring the council's protests.

He said: "This is the best option of the ones that were available. It may not be prancing, but at least it's a horse and it's white.

"It looks a lot more like Invicta than a pile of bricks does."

Cllr King's comments referred to one of the designs beaten by Mr Wallinger's horse, which was Richard Deacon's stack of differently-shaped polyhedrons based on a cairn.

The other losing design was that of a tower of stacked cubes with a laser beam shooting from it into the sky, by French conceptual artist Daniel Buren.



ARTIST: Turner Prize-winner Mark Wallinger

## Web readers say 'neigh' to giant landmark



SURE THING: Mark Wallinger's white horse design will cost £2 million

THE decision to award the Ebbsfleet Landmark Project to Mark Wallinger attracted a slew of negative comments on our websites from readers.

Some described his horse design as "drab and uninspiring", while others said it would only be a matter of time before the sculpture was vandalised.

Mark, from Sittingbourne, wrote that "a giant plastic gnome would be more tasteful than this abomination", while Andy Smith, from Cheshire, said the horse looked "extremely silly, like something from Land of the Giants".

Stuart, from Rainham, added: "History recorded what happened the last time a hollow horse was gifted to the nation – Troy was burned to the ground!"

"The youth of Gravesham and the surrounding area will thank you, I'm sure.

"It'll give them somewhere to shelter in inclement weather conditions while they drink and smoke themselves stupid."

However, readers from outside the UK had a more positive view on the design.

Patrick, from Idaho in the United States, wrote: "When I read about this today, I was very excited – a horse as tall as the Statue of Liberty!"

"I would definitely come to see that next time I'm over. Awesome idea for art lovers!"

Max Joseph, from Dublin in Ireland, added: "I think it will be a fabulous piece of art."

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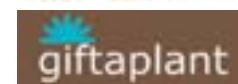
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# Taser gun increase may trigger debate

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

AN extra 66 taser guns are set to be in use by police officers on the county's streets.

Kent Police said the force will find out soon whether its bid for a share of £8 million of Home Office funding for the weapon has been successful.

The controversial taser guns shoot barbed darts charged with 50,000 volts of electricity which stun their victims into submission.

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Harris said: "We believe that we will get what we have asked for sometime in the near future.

"However, there are only so many units available for the entire country so it depends how many forces bid for them.

"We bid for 66 tasers. It is our armed response team that use these at the moment with a 24/7 capability.

"It is for wider use to extend taser deployment beyond firearms."

The new weapons will be split between tactical teams at the forces headquarters in Maidstone and other policing areas, the roads' policing unit and the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) team.

Asked in what sort of situations the officers will be using the weapons, he said: "I think that is more difficult because each deployment has to be made on a risk assessment.

"Tactical deals with pre-planned operations such as where there might be offenders likely to offer violence."

He said the other units were available spon-



**STUN GUN:** An officer demonstrates how to use one of the taser guns which could become a more common sight

taneously, as well as for pre-planned operations, and will be used if there is a threat of violence from a weapon other than a firearm.

Chief Constable Mike Fuller told a meeting of the Kent Police Authority (KPA) last December he had applied for extra weapons after Jacqui Smith, the Home Secretary, announced that 10,000 tasers would be made available for frontline officers nationally.

However, the Metropolitan Police Authority, in response to Ms Smith's announcement, said it would not immediately take up the offer because it has the "potential to cause fear and damage public confidence" in police.

ACC Harris said: "We are quite proportionate in the way we are seeking to extend use.

"Some forces applied for these for every operational officer - we have been selective and used risk assessment.

"We have been proportionate so it is for definite sections rather than general application."

He said tasers had been in use since 2005 and there had been 30 operational uses and the weapons had been fired three times.

Taser guns are already widely used by police officers across North America.

In a report published last December, Amnesty International claimed around 334 people in the US have died in the last seven years after being stunned by a taser.

The organisation said its report showed the weapons were potentially lethal and open to abuse.

ACC Harris said the force took officer safety seriously and said tasers were another tool to add to a kit, that include body armour and metal baton, that protects officers from injury.

## Our 'gay-friendly force' in kids' essay contest

■ BY NICK JAMES

KENT police are asking children to write an essay as part of a month-long celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history.



**REPORT:** Essay competition has suffered criticism

## Cop competition to tackle hate crimes

KENT Police says a gay essay contest for children organised as part of a month-long celebration of 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History' demonstrates its commitment to tackling hate crime.

We reported last week how the police force ran the competition for under-14s; drawing criticism from the likes of Conservative MP Ann Widdecombe who said the police should spend more time "catching burglars" and that it was an "extraordinary waste of police resources".

Children are asked to write a 200-word essay on what this month's slogan 'All different, same respect' means to them. The prize is £25.

But Kent Police Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Leppard said: "It's an excellent opportunity for Kent Police to reinforce how seriously we take hate crime and how committed we are to tackling it.

"We are also aware there is significant under reporting of homophobic bullying in schools so it's vital that we take positive action to tackle these issues whenever we can."

## No upset intended

ON Thursday, January 29, an article appeared in this newspaper, suggesting The Brand You Experience was aimed at troubled teenagers.

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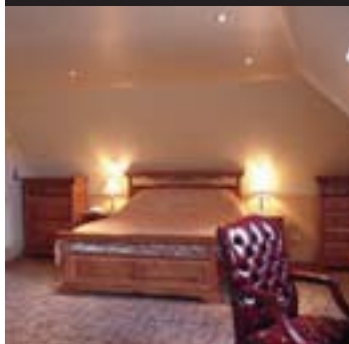
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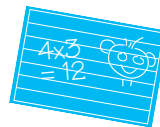
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The courses allow musicianship to develop in an atmosphere of encouragement, expertise and enjoyment.

There is a minimum entry standard and further details can be found on Kent Music's website.

Anyone can apply for a spot for the popular summer school.

Many students return year after year and, as places are strictly limited, early booking is advised.

The programme takes place at Benenden School, near Cranbrook, July 9-27. At the end of each course, students will take part in a public concert.

Each specialist area is split into sessions throughout the three week period.

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Go to [www.kent-music.com](http://www.kent-music.com), the Summer School link, to download application forms. Closing date for entry forms is February 27.



**POET LAUREATE:** Andrew Motion (right) visited Fulston Manor School and met poetry competition winner Marita Lanceley (left), who wrote The Change of the Seasons (above)

## The Changes of the Seasons

The light breeze gently ruffled through my hair, like a mother's touch,  
The birds soared through the crystal clear sky, like a free spirit flying to heaven.  
Spring merged into summer.

The fragrance of the apple blossom engulfed me; a fur coat on a bitter winter's evening,

The luscious emerald pears oozed their juice; the water from a squeezed out sponge.  
Summer merged into autumn.

The wind punched at the walls of houses, screaming at me to let it into my home,  
Whilst the driving rain hit the windows with one thousands hands; the water from a flannel plopping into an empty bath.

Autumn merged into winter.

The withered trees drooped like a neglected child left in the cold,

The aroma of the burning wood on the log fire took away the rawness of the unwelcome cold, like a medicine cures pain.

Winter merged into spring to begin the changes of the season again.

# A special visit sees school well-versed in creativity

**POET Laureate Andrew Motion visited Fulston Manor School as part of its drive to place creativity at the heart of the curriculum.**

The Sittingbourne school places a strong emphasis on performing and visual arts.

Staff said the opportunity provided by its involvement with Creative Partnership to host such a visit was one not to be missed.

As well as reading selected poems and working with staff on the composing and teaching

## ■ BY NICK AMES

of poetry, Mr Motion also met and talked with Marita Lanceley, a Year Seven student who had won the school's recent poetry competition.

"I was really happy and excited that I was going to meet the Poet Laureate," said Marita, 12.

"He had read my poem and liked it, which was wonderful. I certainly feel inspired to keep writing now."

Modern languages teacher Lesley Govier had a poem she had written read by Mr Motion during an after-school event for staff.

She said: "It was very thought provoking and inspiring."

Assistant headteacher Karen Collins added: "To be able to listen to Andrew Motion explaining the context behind his poetry and the inspiration for his choice of career provided our staff the impetus to transfer that inspiration to our students."

"This has been an excellent opportunity for the staff lucky enough to be involved."

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## Teenagers are in a Twitter over how to make friends

AS if being a teenager was not difficult enough with all those hormones pulsing through your body, the online world can be a mighty confusing place sometimes.

I refer to the internet phenomenon that is online social networking. Sites dedicated to allowing everyone their own piece of the web from which to share photos, gossip and pretty much anything else inbetween.

Adults are, arguably, responsible enough to know what to handle. But spare a thought for the teenager as they grapple with a desire to be part of the 'in crowd'. For them the boundaries of what they should reveal can be blurred. But here comes the first of the internet's massive contradictions.

On the one hand, the message being driven home by parents etc, is to not reveal information about yourself while you're surfing. And quite sensible too. While 99 per cent of those

online are like you or I, there will always be one per cent from the shadier side of life.

Which goes against the concept of social networking sites. Because there the emphasis is on sharing. The more you post the more popular you're likely to be. And the more 'friends' you'll have. No wonder teens are confused.

And be under no illusion, these sites are becoming pretty much as essential for today's youngsters as having a mobile phone.

Take Facebook, the current destination for those trying to make their lives sound full of glamour. According to conservative estimates it has 175 million people hosting their own pages. Sharing pictures, sharing personal information. It's a dream platform for an attention-seeker – a little concerning for those worried about personal data going astray.

Now there's new kid on the block Twitter – a site which is growing day-by-day. Small fry (it has a mere 55m members), it is designed to allow users to provide updates to 'followers' of their day. Now, this does, I grant you, provide

lots of obvious jokes about what, say, a teenage lad's day involves, but, more importantly, it raises the question of just who will be able to access these updates and learn a remarkable amount courtesy of one quick Google search.

Don't get me wrong – I'm not advocating avoidance of these sites, but I fear they provide too much of a window on who we are. That journey of discovery which is normally conducted by having real world contact with us.

It is almost as though the Big Brother syndrome of the man in the street wanting other people to know about them by virtue of no special talents, but just because they exist, is now the prime driver on the web too.

I urge care. I urge highlighting the fun of going out and talking to people rather than making yourself sound cool on a website.

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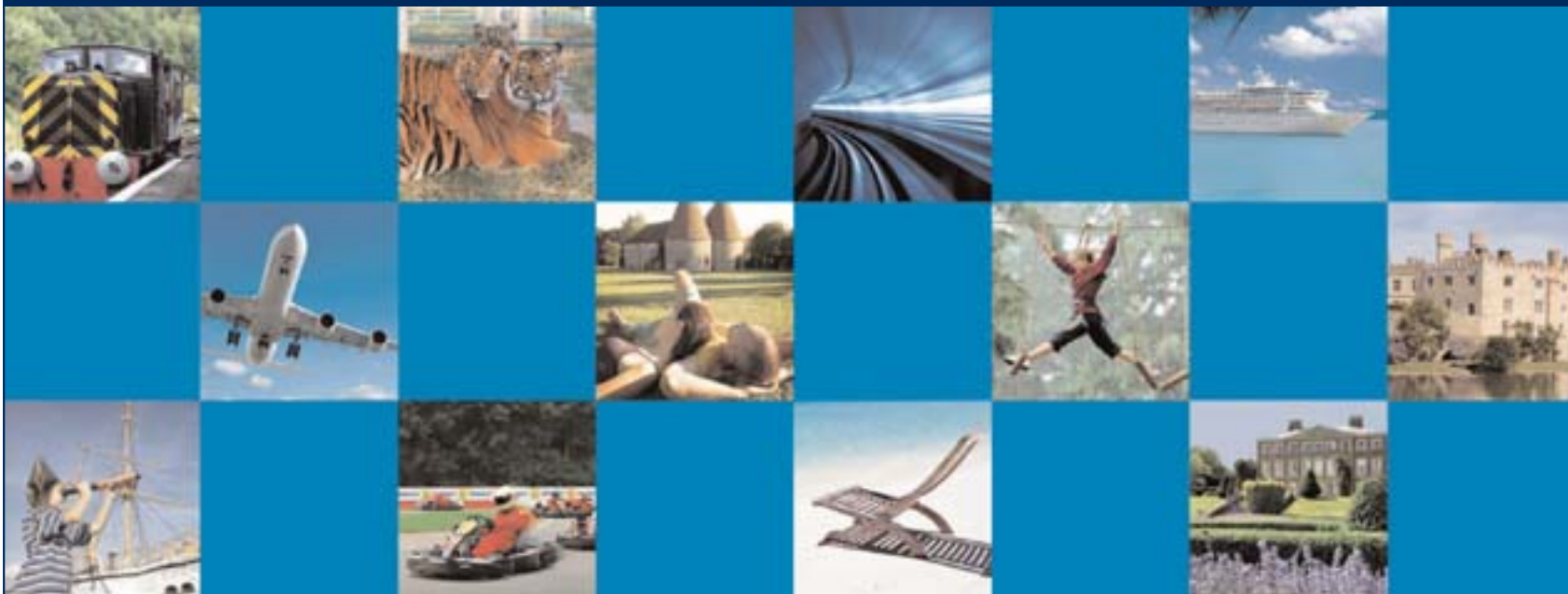
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## TALK TIME

### CLLR JOHN WRIGHT

The regeneration cabinet member for Swale council speaks about his lifelong interest in the area and shaping the future of the borough.



#### Where were you born?

I was born in Swale, in Park Road, Sittingbourne, to be exact. But I won't give you the year.

#### What was your family background?

My family were involved in an extremely prominent local business called Burley, which were brick and cement manufacturers. It has a lot of history in the area.

#### Have you always lived here?

No, I moved away for a while. But I always missed the area and on one drive back into London all I could see was the city submerged beneath a huge amount of smog.

I thought there has got to be a better place to live so I took the decision to return and here I have stayed.

#### What do you see for the future here?

The whole regeneration process is going forward and that has got to be good for the area.

We have a very positive future in Swale and the recent partnership agreement between the council and local businesses is yet another step in the right direction.

We need to ensure there are enough local jobs to keep investment coming in.

#### What do you do to relax?

Being a councillor takes over your life, especially when you are a cabinet member. But in my free time I enjoy going out to pubs and restaurants with family and friends.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Fees to park are simply ridiculous

In the great scheme of things, an extra £10 a year for a parking permit is hardly going to break the bank.

However, I do think that fundamentally the demand for payment simply for parking outside your own home is ridiculous.

This is not central London. This is not even the centre of Canterbury. This is Faversham.

To ask £40 to park our cars, for which we pay tax, on roads we fund through our council tax, is absurd and should be abolished.

T Abbott  
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### Price hike needs to be explained to us

I received the letter through my door recently informing me of the rise in parking permit costs and,



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along with my neighbours, found it quite shocking.

In this day and age surely we should not be expected to put up with a 30 per cent cost increase

while jobs are being lost left right and centre?

Explain yourself Swale council!  
Mrs P Jones  
Faversham



### Student film would not be entertaining

I know it was a bit of a joke that students filming something at the rec should spark the attention of the police – but it sounds to me as if they were asking for trouble.

In this day and age to recreate a policeman being beaten to death hardly sounds like it's wholesome family entertainment.

Not to mention the unpleasant sight of seeing a mob of teenagers in masks acting in an aggressive manner.

I can't help but think the police should have charged them with wasting police time and creating a public nuisance.

Garth Tovey  
By email

### Long-term forecast didn't say snow

It is not so much of a surprise the recent spell of cold weather was such a problem across the country.

Granted there were a couple

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of days notice – but the long range forecast made no such predictions.

The prediction for the winter which came out in July 2008 talked about how temperatures during winter were getting warmer and there would be no reason for this trend to be reversed in six months time.

So perhaps it was not all the local authorities and transport providers fault.

**Eric Ross**  
By email

## Bank bonuses are an appalling disgrace

The news bankers' bonuses are being called into question by the Government is surely a prime example of too little too late.

These fat cats have had it all their own way for far too long and seem unable to cope with the feeling that their incompetence, which has led to the current economic climate should not be rewarded.

The fact that some banks are awarding the bonuses out of public money which was donated to bail them out is even more of a disgrace.

The level of public outrage is nowhere near as high as I would have anticipated.

Surely everyone has a right to be appalled that the architects of the current misery are getting cash

from members of the public they have let down to reward their ineptitude.

**Paula Simpson**  
By email

## Prescott's a surefire vote loser for Labour

The Government has done it again as it races forward in the unpopularity stakes.

A move to halt big bonuses for bankers is a vote winner alright – a sure fire hit. So how to make it not so? Easy, get John Prescott to run it.

**Robert Hillier**  
By email

## International cricket has become a farce

The ridiculous England performance in the first Test takes some believing. I mean 51 all out – a village third eleven would be embarrassed.

But I wonder what Rob Key is thinking as he plays in New Zealand for what is effectively an England reserve team.

How the senior side could do with his grit and application out in the West Indies.

He would surely score more runs than Cook, Bell and Strauss put together.

But also maybe he is a bit relieved to be away from this farce.

A few decent scores and he will

be a definite for the Ashes. Now what price a Geraint Jones recall?

**Brian Smith**  
By email

## We don't always want British workers

I am a great supporter of the current campaign for British jobs for British workers. However I would not like to see it applied across all areas of our country.

Watching five-a-side Premiership games would be pretty much the norm if the ruling applied to football. And if it applied to cricket Kent would have about four players.

**Dave Newton**  
By email

## Airport could help local economy soar

Everyone seems determined to ridicule Boris Johnson and his plans for an airport in the Thames Estuary. But has anyone stopped to think what such a project would mean for north Kent and Swale in particular?

More visitors, improved transport infrastructure, investment in public services, hotels and restaurants, and a boost in grant money for a start.

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**Alan Moores**  
By email

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## The Red List LIVE festival is set to be animal magic



**TEENAGE KICKS:** The Undertones (above) will be performing at this year's Red List LIVE festival along with The Wedding Present (top)

LIVE music and animal conservation will unite as one later this year for the inaugural Red List LIVE festival.

More than 200 bands are expected to perform at the Port Lympne Animal Park in June – with organisers hoping the three-day festival will raise £100,000 for some of the world's most at-risk animals.

At this point I'd like to make it clear that Red List LIVE is in no way a cunning way of marketing Zoo Thousand and Nine to once-bitten-twice-shy festival fans.

Zoo8 is over. Mistakes were made. Apologies were offered.

Completely new/different/non-Zoo8 event organisers have been brought in by The Aspinall Foundation to put Red List LIVE together.

Right, let's move on.

RLL bosses have confirmed the first five artists set to grace Port Lympne this summer, the biggest of which is The Undertones.

For those of you who don't know (shame on you), the fantastically-named Feargal Sharkey fronted Undertones gave the world hits such as Teenage Kicks, Jimmy Jimmy and My Perfect Cousin.

Other acts on the line-up include Archie Bronson Outfit, Klaus Says Buy The Record and The Wedding Present.

A Red List spokesman said they could not wait for this year's festival to get underway.

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

They said: "We're putting on a multi-arts music festival – in an animal park! Red List LIVE brings you the most exciting acts in music, from brand-spanking new electro to old indie favourites, all enveloped in a carnival atmosphere that is as family-friendly as it is exhilarating.

"The festival will be spread across a number of stages, from the towering main stage that will host the weekend's superstar acts to unsigned band tents showcasing gleaming new musical talent.

"The 'Pub' will supply all your ale and chuckle needs and the Dance Tent will keep your glow-sticks twirling to the early hours.

"With seldom seen acts on the Red List stage, jungle frolics at the family zone and a host of other entertainment, Red List LIVE promises to be one of the top festivals for 2009."

The Aspinall Foundation confirmed that £5 from every weekend ticket sold and half of the profits from the festival will go to the charity.

A fundraising target of £100,000 has been set for 2009, with the festival hoping to help donate £1,000,000 to the Foundation during the next five years.

Red List LIVE runs from Friday, June 19 to Sunday, June 21.

Early-bird weekend tickets cost £99 for adults and teenagers, and £20 for four to 12-year-olds. Under fours go free.

For more information visit [www.redlistlive.com](http://www.redlistlive.com).

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The business has special late night opening sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays when customers can visit up until 9pm.

Sue said: "We cater for all ages, it is not unusual to have a daughter, mother and grandmother in together.

"They all receive our full attention and all go out happy with how their hair looks."

Customers come from nearby in the main but also from London and even as far afield as Bristol, such is the reputation for the quality of service on offer.

The new hair care range from Goldwell, Dualsenses, is among the most popular at the



moment and the salon continually keeps updating its ranges as products move with the times.

Sue added: "The customer is always right – however advice on hair styles and care is important and we always aim to achieve the

best results for our clients. The prices we offer are very competitive and are very good value for money. The salon also has an extremely friendly atmosphere so customers can relax as they are given the very best treatment we can offer."

### TOP TIPS

#### One 4 Hair and Beauty

The brutally cold weather can do considerable damage to usually healthy locks, protect and revive your hair with a deep conditioning treatment once a week, try dual senses 60 second treatment from Goldwell. Telephone: 01227 374640

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## Billy gets going with new album

Global star has been back to the recording studio

BILLY Ocean is a music superstar who has become Britain's biggest ever black recording artist.

To date Ocean has sold more than 30 million records and is best known for his worldwide hit When The Going Gets Tough (The Tough Gets Going), which featured on the soundtrack of Hollywood film The Jewel of the Nile, starring Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner.

He topped the US pop charts three times with Caribbean Queen, There'll Be Sad Songs and Get Outta My Dreams, Get Into My Car and has also written songs for other artists, such as La Toya Jackson. In 1985 he won the Grammy Award for Best Male R&amp;B Vocal Performance.

Born Leslie Sebastian Charles in Trinidad and Tobago, Ocean moved to England with his Grenadian parents when he was eight. He sang throughout his teenage years and tried to

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launch a music career even while working as a tailor in the revered Savile Row in London.

He released his first single, as Les Charles, on Spark Records in 1972 and later adopted the name Billy Ocean, under which he would find worldwide fame. Some sources claim Ocean's new name was inspired by the East London estate on which his family lived, others say it was in honour of his favourite football team in Trinidad, Ocean's Eleven.

In 1976 he released his debut album bearing that name and it spawned his first huge hit – Love Really Hurts Without You, which reached number two in the UK charts. He went on to score other hits.

His Grammy win came during a period of great success in the mid-80s, beginning with Caribbean Queen and Suddenly. In 1985 he appeared at Live Aid in Philadelphia and this led to further success with his next album, Love Zone.

Today Ocean continues to win the respect of the next generation of musicians, such as OutKast's Big Boi and hip hop star Warren G. After taking time out to be with his family, this year Ocean releases his first album in 15 years. He is also hitting the roads to perform for old fans and hopefully win some new ones with the voice that has already conquered the world.

Ocean will be at the Margate Winter Gardens on Tuesday, March 3. To book call 01843 292795/296111, or visit [www.margatewintergardens.co.uk](http://www.margatewintergardens.co.uk). He will also appear at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, March 14. Book at [www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk](http://www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk), or call 01892 530613/532072.FOR MORE THEATRE AND ENTERTAINMENT VISIT [yourkenttv.co.uk](http://yourkenttv.co.uk)



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*Came To Tea* has sold four million copies worldwide. Having been translated into more than 20 languages, it has been enjoyed by millions of children all around the globe.

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An Evening With Paul Dunton & Guests has been a popular event at the Grey Lady Music Lounge in Tunbridge Wells since 2005. Offering Kent musicians the chance to perform their acoustic music in front of an audience, Dunton soon found there was more than enough talent to go around.

The weekly showcases became twice-weekly and Dunton now has a growing waiting list of performers wishing to appear, with more than 120 acts taking part on a rotational basis. Dunton has now decided to expand the night across the county and found the stylish Music Room at Pizza Express to be the perfect venue for a cabaret-style show.

The venue has hosted acclaimed jazz and blues entertainers such as Clare Teal, George Melly and many more. Dunton's shows will feature an array of musical genres from folk, pop and rock to blues, jazz and funk. Further shows will follow in April, June and August.

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## PAUL DUNTON

Thursday, February 19  
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### Entertainment doubled at next folk club event

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The pair breathes new life into traditional songs. They will be playing at the Chimney Boy in Preston Street at 8pm on Wednesday, February 25.

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

### TERMINATOR: THE SARAH CONNOR CHRONICLES

Virgin 1, 9pm, Thursday

### PAPARAZZI: NEXT GENERATION

BBC Three, 10.30pm, Thursday

WITH Christian Bale's mad f-word lambasting of a director of photography still ringing in our ears, it's worth remembering the next Terminator film, Terminator Salvation, will be with us soon enough.

The fact seems to have been forgotten in all the fuss, but I'll be in line with my ticket when the time comes and look forward to what looks like a good popcorn blockbuster.

But in the meantime, to keep us interested in all things post-apocalyptic, we have the Sarah Connor Chronicles which follows the characters of those films and their troubles fighting impending doom and despair.

The two leads are played by different actors than in the films, but, once you get your head round that, it's pretty plain sailing.

This surprisingly good movie spin-off is one of the better sci-fi offerings out there at the moment.

Oddly – or rather confusingly – this is set in an alternate reality from the three movies that have already been out and deviates from the direction a little but, nevertheless, it's easy enough to grasp what's going on, even for a casual viewer.

Also, there's loads of explosions, guns, shouting and running around, which is usually enough to keep me entertained between commercial breaks.

OK, so it's not in the same league as the excellent Battlestar Galactica, but is still a welcome addition to the schedules.



**ROBO COP THIS:** The Sarah Connor Chronicles is a spin-off from classic The Terminator movies

Here is proof that science fiction is alive and kicking – and not just for the anoraks among us.

Pick this one up on Virgin 1, which is beamed down on most of those clever Freeview thingies nowadays.

For a bit more exciting TV, give it half an hour and switch over to the excellent Paparazzi: Next Generation.

An intriguing look at the world of top celebrity snappers and just what they will do to get a picture of the latest star or starlet.

Whether they are hounding Amy Winehouse through the London traffic, in car chases that endanger and excite, or watching the latest Big Brother loser stumble out of a Mayfair club, it's surprising how high octane and stressful these guys' lives are.

You may disagree with the trade, but the gossip magazines continue to sell and watching the paps stake out hotels, shoot through red lights and chase celebrities down crowded high streets makes this show entertaining.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
ALTHOUGH you've scored some impressive goals you still feel unfulfilled. Maybe it's because you thought your happiness was predicated on a relationship, job or lifestyle. Contentment doesn't come from external factors; they come from within. Be kinder to yourself.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
CAREER frustrations are coming to a head. If you're in a dead end situation, you need to leave. Taking a job that pays less money will require financial sacrifices, but at least you'll be happy. Don't feel pressurised. For now, you need to take stock of your situation.  
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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
A PARTNERSHIP is becoming too difficult to bear. Disturbing facts could come to light regarding a workmate, close friend or lover. If you discover someone has been lying to you it's time to put your relationship on hold. This will be painful, but the separation will help you think.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
HOME life feels stifling now. Keeping up with mortgage or rent payments is exhausting. Having fewer financial responsibilities would bring you more freedom. If you're unable to escape your responsibilities, delegate jobs to other members of your household.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
IT feels like you've hit a wall – and no wonder. For the past month or so, you've just been going through the motions of life. Rest, relaxation, and reflection have not been in the equation. It's time to make things better. Read books and watch movies that inspire you.  
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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
IT'S hard to know what you believe anymore. Having faith in the greater good seems ridiculous in a broken world like this one. Make a list of all the good things in your life. Focusing on uplifting activities will help you to adopt a more positive outlook toward life.  
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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
IT'S difficult to focus on work right now. Maybe it's because you're so tired of doing the same thing, day after day. You have a love of routine duties and activities that can get you in a rut. Having the courage to switch gears is essential. Joining a club, will give you a big boost.  
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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
YOUR mind is racing so making decisions is practically impossible. Too many conflicting emotions cloud your thinking. It's important to rest and relax because the more rested you are, the easier it will be to focus in your working hours. Don't let things get you down.  
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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
YOU'RE getting a little tired of spending all your spare time on friends. It's been a long time since you were able to do exactly as you please. Let this week be the beginning of a new trend. Stop letting others make you feel guilty for not spending time with them.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
LOSING touch with your physical side makes you feel empty and alone. It's time to reconnect with your sensuality. Take time to enjoy good food and drink. Treat yourself. Slowly, but surely, you'll rekindle the passion that once drove you. If you feel inhibited talk things through.  
• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
IF DISAPPOINTMENTS regarding past relationships are clouding your outlook it's time to turn over a new leaf. Check out your expectations about love. Instead of looking for the perfect partner, just focus on making friends. By letting people be themselves, life will get easier.  
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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
SPENDING won't fill an emotional void. You've always been good at making money. Unfortunately, your earning power has taken a toll on your self esteem. Contrary to what you might think, your loved ones value you for more than just the money you provide.  
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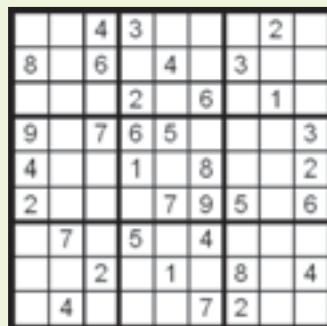
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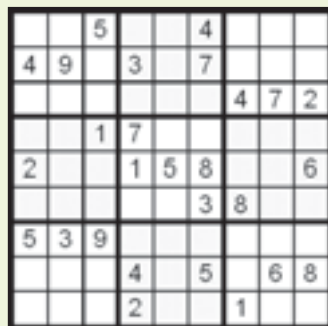
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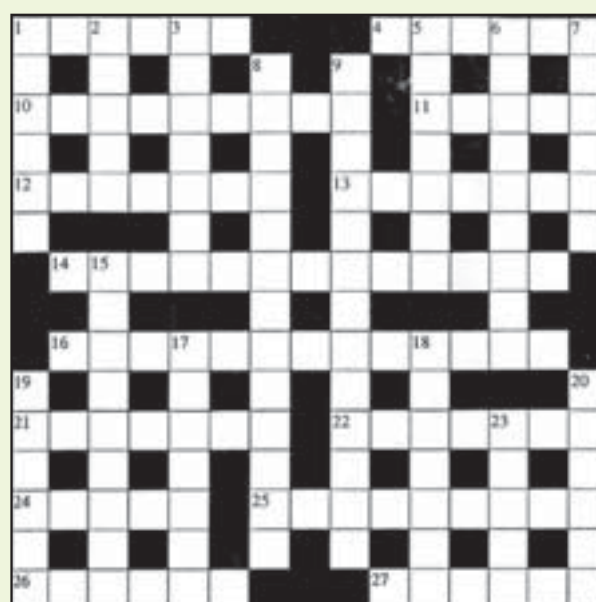
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- 1 Fanciful, piquant perhaps, but not gentle (6)  
4 Commander found tailless rodents reproducing without fertilisation! (6)  
10 Unclothed, cookery served without dressing (2,7)  
11 A posh one in church of gold (5)  
12 Tillers removed framework (7)  
13 Firm for two? (7)  
14 Communicating clearly when voting (7,6)  
16 Rhythmical hanky-panky (7-6)  
21 Fisher removed female chief officer (7)  
22 Regal payment? (7)  
24 Not right to introduce small map (5)  
25 Reversal of policy concerning refurbished café (5-4)  
26 Part of total entered was natural gift (6)  
27 Hospital doctor not a learner located inside (6)

#### DOWN

- 1 Silica lamp? (6)  
2 Lady had pannier's contents (5)  
3 Not allowed to accept fifth-rate paper (7)  
5 Rules for language school (7)  
6 Unexpectedly Germans almost make a mistake finding the duck (9)  
7 Sixth bird reportedly had the bone (6)  
8 One who has been caught fighting (8,2,3)  
9 Hard time in the past (7,6)  
15 Comprehensive coupling (9)  
17 Glitter tingles all over the place (7)  
18 Kerry unhesitatingly puts small part on the gas (7)  
19 Square item of clothing, it's worn casually (1-5)  
20 From Wyoming five with Ernest saw monster (6)  
23 Rent when accommodated in shelter (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Con trick (3-3)  
4 Serviceable (6)  
10 Triangular sail (9)  
11 Under (5)  
12 Warlike (7)  
13 Man's title (7)  
14 Repugnant (13)  
16 Quarrel (8,5)  
21 Guilty party (7)  
22 Stomach drug (7)  
24 Theatrical show (5)  
25 Islands in South Atlantic (9)  
26 Rebate (anag.) (6)  
27 Constrictor (6)

#### DOWN

- 1 Begin again (6)  
2 Monk (5)  
3 Magazine for amateur enthusiasts (7)  
5 Of underwater sport (7)  
6 Accomplished (9)  
7 Solicitor (6)  
8 Minimum workforce (8,5)  
9 Irrecoverable (13)  
15 Act in a cunning way (3,6)  
17 Crop (7)  
18 Defeat (7)  
19 Beetle gem (6)  
20 American inventor (6)  
23 Trumpet shell (5)

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### SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No74

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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No74

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### QUICK SOLUTION No75

Scrab 20 Edison 23 Conch.  
15 Box clever 17 Harvest 18 Outplay 19  
7 Lawyer 8 Skeleton staff 9 Irrecoverable  
2 Prior 3 Fanzine 5 Subaque 6 Fulfilled  
26 Berate 27 Python. **DOWN:** 1 Resume  
Cupright 22 Antacid 16 Exchange words 21  
Objectionable 16 Exchange words 21  
11 Below 12 Martial 13 Esquire 14  
**ACROSS:** 1 Rip-off 4 Useful 10 Spinnaker

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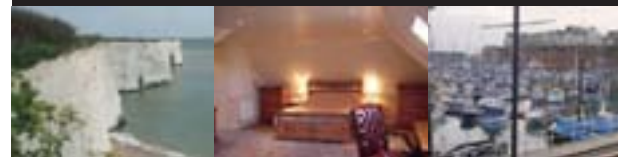
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### VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (12A)



Scarlett Johansson, Rebecca Hall and Penélope Cruz star in Woody Allen's latest film. It follows Vicky and Christina, who become involved with a flamboyant artist and his insane ex-wife.

### HOTEL FOR DOGS (U)



Orphaned 16-year-old Andi and her younger brother Bruce can't keep their loyal dog Friday, so they put him in a disused hotel. Soon they find themselves running a four-star canine retreat.

# Drew's self-help advice for women everywhere

BY ELLIE GENOWER

IT all started out as a line from an episode of Sex And The City, when Carrie's date Jack Berger gave Miranda some straight-talking relationship advice.

When Berger's comment that "He's just not that into you" ended up having such a huge impact on fans, Sex And The City's consultant Greg Behrendt and executive story editor Liz Tuccillo decided to write a self-help book of the same name.

Its basic remit was that women should ignore mixed messages and wise up to the facts. Thus if he doesn't ask you out... he's just not that into you.

The idea struck a chord with actress Drew Barrymore, whose Flower Films Production company has just produced the movie version of the book, adapting its basic premise to a series of interconnecting storylines and adding a star-studded ensemble cast.

The film's writers took chapters from the book, such as 'If he's not calling you', 'If he's not marrying you', 'If he's sleeping with someone else' and based stories around them.

Jennifer Aniston plays Beth, whose long-term boyfriend Neil (Ben Affleck) isn't interested in marriage, while Jennifer Connelly plays Janine, a woman whose husband Ben (Bradley Cooper) starts sleeping with free-spirited yoga teacher Anna (Scarlett Johansson). And Gigi (Ginnifer Goodwin) is the girl who refuses to give up on love despite a string of disastrous dates with commitment-phobic men.

As well as producing the film, Drew plays technologically baffled and single Mary.

"I liked the character I played because I really related to her," she says.



PRODUCER: Drew Barrymore at a film screening

"And I helped create her with Nan (her Flower Films partner Nancy Juvonen) and the writer. So it just seamlessly worked out that way."

Drew admits she relates to Mary's technological phobias and bemusement about the number of ways to communicate in the digital age.

"I'm a little dismayed by technology," she says.

"I still have a wall phone and I love tape and shoot on film. So it's difficult where you have something in your pocket and you have to respond immediately and be quirky and quippy. No guys call any more. It's all text. I'm awk-

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ward enough on the phone. It's a new ball-game."

But it seems there's an upside to this Luddite approach – Drew's never had to suffer the shame of being dumped by text.

"I don't have a lot of technological portholes luckily. Someone's had to do it to my face, which I like," she says.

Drew's string of broken relationships has been well documented, recently splitting with her He's Just Not That Into You co-star Justin Long.

"I'm in my 30s now and I'm more in a different place. I feel like Mary. I'm like 'Wow I'm single'. Falling in love with yourself is kind of interesting. You put so much stock on other people and you need to spend some time falling in love with yourself. People have journeys and paths and my life has yet to reveal itself."

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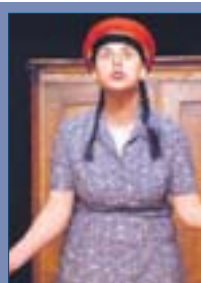
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## Berlin: it took my breath away

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

BERLIN are breathtaking, uplifting and full of energy.

Although often only remembered for their global smash hit Take My Breath Away – featured in the classic jet-fighter film Top Gun – the California quartet have released 16 timeless singles since bursting on to the scene in 1980.

Led by blonde bombshell Terri Nunn, the new-wave outfit lit up the UK charts on three occasions, reaching number one with TMBA, breaking into the top 50 with follow-up track Like Flames and scoring a number 39 smash with You Don't Know.

### Disappearing

Having attained an average chart position of number 30 during the heady hair-rock days of 1986, the band called time on their career the following year, disappearing without a trace for more than a decade.

Still, Berlin are brilliant.

The band's namesake – the capital of Germany – is just as good an experience as listening to the four-piece. Arguably better.

What struck me most about the city is its many parallels to London, with its abundance of historic landmarks, trendy up-and-coming districts and cosmopolitan feel standing out in particular.

Unlike merry old London, however, Berlin works. Its transport system is efficient, cost-effective and reliable (insert your own stereotypical German gag here).

Berlin is also cleaner than London, with even the busiest of the city's streets free from discarded crisp packets, cigarette butts and other miscellaneous rubbish that so desecrates our capital.



**HISTORIC:** Remnants of the Berlin Wall (right) stand alongside the city's futuristic Sony Centre, just a few blocks away from the Brandenburg Gate (left), the Reichstag building, Hitler's bunker and the Jewish memorial

But enough of the London bashing. Let us focus on Berlin.

The city boasts dozens of world-renowned landmarks, many of which are within easy walking distance of one another. And the contrasts are sometimes extraordinary.

Remnants of the Berlin Wall, for example, stand alongside the city's futuristic Sony Centre, just a few blocks away from the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag building, Hitler's bunker and the Jewish memorial.

Berlin's wartime past is inescapable and moving.

A thin, brickwork snake has been laid where the Berlin Wall once stood, ensuring the East/West divide – and the hundreds who lost their lives trying to cross over into the more prosperous West – is never forgotten.

Square bronze tablets have also been set outside the homes of the Jewish residents, giving a constant reminder of the thousands of German men, women and children who were ousted and killed by the Nazis.

But Berlin is not just a historic city defined by the war.

Its traditionally poorer Eastside is on the rise, with millions of pounds of investment bringing it up to par with the West.

Bars, cafés, restaurants, hotels and night-spots are opening on an almost daily basis.

Berlin offers everything that the weekend breaker could possibly want and is accessible enough to give even short-term visitors a taste of its fantastic past and bright future.

To coin a phrase: "breathtaking, uplifting and full of energy".



### FACT FILE: BERLIN

#### Flights

Daily flights operate from all London airports to Berlin's Tegel and Schoenefeld airports. For flights from Stansted to Berlin Tegel, visit [www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com).

#### Accommodation

The East Side Hotel is a modern building next to the world's largest open-air art gallery, featuring the painted remains of the Berlin Wall. Its 36 guest rooms are on five floors and have simple, modern furnishings, all including satellite television with pay movies, telephones and private bathrooms. For more, visit [www.eastsidehotel.de](http://www.eastsidehotel.de).

#### Further information

Contact the Berlin Tourist Board, or you can visit [www.berlin-tourist-information.de](http://www.berlin-tourist-information.de).

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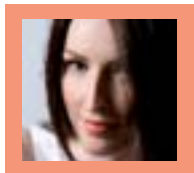
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## WOMEN seeking men

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**SINGLE DAD WANTED**  
 Single mum, 23, nice and curvy, 5ft6, blonde, blue eyes, likes shopping, cinema and animals, WLTm an honest and trustworthy male, 28-38. Box 446099

**SOCCER FAN SEEKS SOULMATE**  
 Fun to be with blonde female, 25, 5ft2, loves football(!), going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man to be my soulmate. Box 446494

**SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**  
 Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555

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### SOCIABLE GIRL

Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving lady female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

### GET A STRIKE

African, single mum, caring, adventurous, generous, 30yrs old, medium build. I love cinema/TV, music, bowling, shopping, cosy nights in. Box 882789

### NO TIMEWASTERS!

Easilygoing female, 32, enjoys shopping, football, eating out, cosy night in, WLTm loving, caring white male 35-47 for long term loving relationship. Box 444214

### HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

### CHATHAM UP!

Pretty black female, 32, tall, loves watching football, shopping, travel, seeking tall, white, loving male, 34-47, for LTR. Chatham. Box 437778

### FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

### A NEW FUTURE!

I'm Rachel, 35, medium, enjoys pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, cinema, theme parks, looking someone special to share things with. Box 448591

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

### FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE

Single, genuine, honest, single mum, 36, 5ft6, I've got hazel eyes and dark hair and enjoy the cinema, meals out. WLTm sincere, attractive, genuine male. Box 446840

### WHO KNOWS?

Hi, I'm Alison, 36, 5ft5, single mum, loves swimming, roller skating and meeting new people, looking for a male for friendship, maybe leading to more. Box 448865

### CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Loving, caring, tactile female, 36, 5'8", blonde hair, blue-eyes, N/S, GSOH, likes cinema, bowling, country pubs, nights in/out, seeks male for friendship and LTR. Box 827619

### LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 348102

### ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

### ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

### NO TIES

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTm slim, single, solvent, professional white male 40-50 for company, fun, love and laughter. Box 443573



### COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

### YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

### EYES ON YOU

Hi I'm Jenny, 40, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more. Box 449181

### A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTm a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

### LET'S CLICK

WLTm a nice guy with a similar nature: I'm an outgoing woman, 42, with brown hair and green eyes. Tell me about you! Box 446847

### TOGETHER?

Slim lady, 42, 5ft9, long dark hair, loves walking her dogs, enjoys the outdoors, seeks gentleman to spend time with and get to know. Box 448681

### ANIMAL LOVER

Tall, slimish woman, I like horse riding, animals, cycling, country walks with the dogs, nights in and out. I'm 42, with brown hair/eyes. Box 448924

### GOOD TIME GIRL

Outgoing young lady, 43, blonde hair blue eyes, 5ft4, works hard, loves socialising, partying, meeting new people...looking for similar male to enjoy happy times with. Box 449157

### IN THE SWIM

Divorced, tactile single mum, 43, from Kent, likes swimming, cinema, walking on the beach, socialising and sharing a bottle of wine, looking for a nice man. Box 448900

### BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 429562

### JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easilygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

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### COUNTRY LASS

Country-loving happy lady, 43, green eyes, long curly hair, good figure, looking for a genuine guy for a serious relationship and happy moments. Box 883723

### THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

### AIMING HIGH

Blonde aerobics instructor, female, 43, seeking decent, tall, fit male for companionship, hopefully leading to a relationship in my spare time (mainly afternoons). Box 446017

### COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising; seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693

### COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5ft8, a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 889800

### HERE WE ARE

Easilygoing female, 45, self-employed hairdresser, likes theatre, restaurants, socialising, sofa cuddles, seeking loyal, loving, caring male for good times and more. Box 444672

### SOULMATE SOUGHT

African descent female, 45, 5ft6, full figure, radiant, happy, attractive, loves music, theatre, travel, the arts, WLTm gentleman who is cultured, kind, solvent and fun. Box 443996

### SINCERITY

Hi I'm Marian, petite, blonde, green eyes, 46, looking for my Mr Right to have fun with and enjoy lasting relationship with. Box 447386

### IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easilygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810

### SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 40, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more. Box 449186

### FANCY A FILM?

Hi I'm Pam, 47, 5ft11, brown hair, hazel eyes, slimish, divorced, looking for a LTR with a nice and genuine man. No time-wasters please! Heathfield. Box 448626

### ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

### BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 429562

### JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easilygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTm genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

### FOR KEEPS

Hi I'm Karen, 50, medium build, 5ft, separated, devoted mum, looking for friendship with someone who likes dining out, evening walks and perhaps something lasting... Box 882618

### FUNNY GIRL

Petite, blonde female, 51, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate 45-55 for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

### YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL...

Young looking, hard working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

### COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTm similar loving male. Box 443642

### NOTHING VENTURED...

New to this, I'm a 53yr old woman, seeking loving, tactile man. I enjoy walks, countryside, having fun, nights in and out. Box 446282

### DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS?

Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

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### LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

### ATTRACTIVE, LIVELY & YOUNG AT HEART

Affectionate tactile bubbly woman, young 56, 5'7", blonde, curvy, looking for lasting relationship with 50-58 year old loving man. Box 888680

### I'VE GOT THE GOLDEN TICKET

Christian female, 57, looking to meet a nice man with GSOH for relationship and have fun with. St Leonards-on-Sea Box 449225

### WALKS ALONG THE COAST

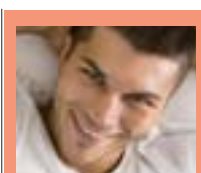
Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

### Women seeking women

**IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS**  
 I'm a 26yr old female, looking for new friends and maybe that special girl...let's have a meal and a drink and see what happens! Box 448722

**FRIENDSHIP, MAYBE MORE**  
 Curvy fit female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 886142

**FRIENDSHIP, HOPEFULLY MORE**  
 Feminine woman, easilygoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTm boyish female. Box 448248



## MEN seeking women

### SNAP ME UP

Active male, 23, 5'9", slim, brown hair/blue eyes, enjoys keeping fit, meals out, music, seeks female, GSOH, for good times. Box 805438

### CAN YOU KEEP UP?

Very sporty male, 33, 6ft2, muscular, green-blue eyes, dark hair, likes clubs, pubs, socialising, seeking female to relax and have fun with, perhaps more. Box 444221

### WISHFULLY YOURS

Fun-loving black male, 34, tall, medium build, GSOH, looking for a bubbly and sensitive female with GSOH for a relationship. Box 449230

### HELLO

Very down-to-earth male, 35, into current affairs, socialising, meals out, cosy nights in, travel; WLTm similar slim tall lady with GSOH. Box 449120

### LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH

Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 423435

### TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with a GSOH. Box 423437

### EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTm a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

### R U A ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

### ROMANCE, COMPANIONSHIP?

Me, 39, 5ft6, blonde hair, blue eyes, hard working, friendly, loves films and music, sports, football, karate...WLTm nice, slim, attractive lady for meals and more. Box 449167

### LET'S MAKE SWEET MUSIC

39yr old male, blonde hair, green eyes, loves going to gigs and listening to live music, seeking a nice lady with GSOH for a relationship. Box 448997

### LAID BACK

Stocky guy, separated, 40yr old, 5ft8. I'm easilygoing and would like to meet a nice lady with similar interests. Box 449400

### MAKE YOUR MARK

Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTm someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

### TO ENJOY LIFE

Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair and eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, WLTm someone trustworthy and caring to settle down with. Box 448377

### FOR GOOD, FOREVER

Hi I'm 40, 5ft8, with short brown hair, brown eyes, loves fishing, walking, swimming, sport; seeking female who's kind, genuine and caring. Box 448686

### ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Art-loving 40yr old, 5ft9, brown hair/eyes, into motorbikes and weight-lifting, looking for a trustworthy female for friendship to start off with, then who knows? Box 448928

### SEARCHING FOR LOVE

Genuine single fella, 41, worked hard all my life now need to find love, seeking loving lady to have loads of fun and more with. Box 884096

### THE FIRST STEP...

Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5'10", likes chatting, travel and music. Looking for a female, in the Kent or London areas. Box 882345

### LOVE ON THE DANCEFLOOR

Outgoing, young-minded male, 47, smoker, likes war games, books, cinema, castles, places of interest, seeking similar woman to boogie on the dancefloor with. Box 443750

### ASHFORD MAN

Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 41, 5ft8, medium/stocky build, brown hair. Own business and home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 437225

### EVER CHANGING COLOURS

Ian, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes turning blue when it is cold, loves live sports and golf, seeking an active female, 30-39. Box 899003

### LIFE STARTS NOW

Separated male, 42, looking for relationship, friendship and fun. WLTm a lady who looks after herself and likes outdoor activities. Non



## PROPERTY NEWS



**CONFIDENT:** Dean Headley opens the new expansion of Advanced Lettings

### Agent makes a bowled move in tough times

GOOD news in the lettings market where one agent has opened a new office.

England and Kent cricket hero Dean Headley bowled up to open the new lettings agency in Ashford last week.

The former fast bowler cut the ribbon at Advanced Lettings, which has taken the brave step of expanding despite concerns over the property market. And agency chiefs say they are confident of success despite the economic challenges.

Ken Simpson, who started the company, has 19 years experience in the rental market. He said: "Ashford is growing, we think it will remain a strong rental market."

Details at [www.advancedlettings.com](http://www.advancedlettings.com).

### Rise in loan approvals

THE latest figures released from the Bank of England show a slight rise in mortgage approvals for December.

According to the Bank, December saw 31,000 home loans approved, a slight increase from the 27,000 approved in November. However, the figure still represents the second lowest on record.

In 2008 lending declined by 58 per cent with 519,000 mortgages approved, compared with 1,250,000 for 2007.

The December figure was described as "mildly encouraging" by many analysts, however, many are warning that there will be even fewer mortgages approved in the next 12 months since the banks are still short of money to lend.

### Window of opportunity

BRITISH consumers are looking to be positive and take advantage of the negative housing market and a large number claim they are planning on attempting to benefit because of the falling prices.

The Rightmove consumer confidence survey published today asked over 28,000 people about their feelings regarding the current market.

The majority of the respondents – a total of 65 per cent – said they felt the current decline in prices provided a window of opportunity for cash-rich and mortgage-ready buyers.



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**MARKET ON THE MOVE?** With first-time buyers recognised as a vital part of a functioning housing market, an increase in their market share is a step in the right direction

# First-time buyers show a sign of healthy interest

■ BY NICK AMES

FIGURES from the National Association of Estate Agents show that the number of first-time buyers looking to enter the housing market more than doubled in the first fortnight of 2009.

This is the most positive news yet for the housing market for the start of this year, according to analysts.

A healthy 22.5 per cent of registered buyers were first-timers, up from just ten per cent in December 2008, and from 14.5 per cent in January a year ago.

With first-timers recognised as a vital part of the housing market functioning properly, an increase in their market share is a positive sign by the experts.

Peter Bolton-King, chief executive of the association said: "This figure is highly significant in terms of demonstrating an increase in consumer confidence. The NAEA views first-time buyers as the bedrock of a healthy housing market."

"During the boom years we saw the number of first-time buyers as a proportion of buyers rise as high as 37 per cent, and I believe that an average of 25 per cent is indicative of a healthy and confident market."

"While the figure of 22.5 per cent is definitely not a sign that the housing sector is out of the woods yet, it does suggest that those infamous green shoots of recovery may not be as far off as first thought."

The association's figures, which came from a survey of their 14,000 members, also revealed an upturn in activity levels across the market.

There was an average of four sales per agent in the first two weeks of January compared to a monthly average of six in November and December. Estate agents also reported an average of ten new sellers in the first fortnight of 2009.

Over half of those registering – 55 per cent – were second-time buyers, said the association with buy-to-let investors accounting for a further 22 per cent.

Mr Bolton-King added: "These statistics are evidence that consumer confidence is slowly being restored but I must counter this by saying that unless lenders respond to consumer demand, then any green shoots will wither and die on the branch."

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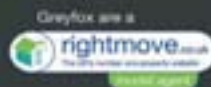


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## MOTORS NEWS



### New Exeo offers Audi class for Seat money

SEAT enters the family car market in April with a new model name plus some familiar design and engineering.

For the incoming Exeo is a previous generation Audi A4, but none the worse for it; at a stroke, the sporty Spanish marque has gained an upmarket recruit that is still competitive and can be aggressively priced and loaded with extras.

The Exeo should drive well, looks excellent value from £17,740 and, for better or worse, carries over much of the A4's styling inside and out.



### Credit crunch feels the pinch from Kia's deals

KIA claims to be 'kicking the credit crunch where it hurts' with a price freeze until the end of March, plus value versions of its Picanto five-door city car and Rio supermini.

The Picanto Red (from £7,645 and pictured) and Rio Black (from £8,745) come laden with goodies; the former's include alloys, front fogs, leather trimming, alloy pedals and iPod compatibility.

For every Picanto Red sold until Red Nose Day (March 13), Kia will donate £100 to Comic Relief.



### Citroën Picasso makes for some good viewing

CITROEN underpins the successful Picasso MPV sub-brand on April 9 with the launch of an eye-catching replacement for the bobby Xsara Picasso that helped give the French marque leadership of the MPV sector in Europe.

As usual with Citroën, the new C3 Picasso will be affordable and cheap from just £11,495, but the practical newcomer is also handsome on the outside and well-made inside for a small MPV class where it faces rather more anonymous rivals such as the Vauxhall Meriva.



**FLEXIBLE FRIEND:** Fiat's Panda qualifies for the cheapest band road tax, can seat five, has lots of headroom and the ability to haul a decent load with the rear seats folded

# Panda is feeding on the green shoots of recovery

## ROAD TEST FIAT PANDA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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over 60mpg and also qualifies for the cheapest road tax, but you really do need to notch up some miles to justify so much extra outlay and the heavier handling.

The Panda's design is functional yet timeless: a smart glazed van essentially that can seat five – four in comfort – with plenty of headroom and the ability to lug a decent load with rear seat folded; dearer models come with a split folding arrangement.

It is also fun to drive, with light yet responsive steering ideal for urban tight spots or press on driving.

The cabin is robust and stylish for this class with the high-mounted gearshift falling nicely to hand, while a relatively long wheelbase ensures a good ride for a small car.

The 100HP tested here delivers extra zest with its pokey 1.4-litre petrol engine.

A 0-60mph time of under 10 seconds is only slightly shy of the dearer Mini Cooper.

The suspension has been tweaked for more feedback and there is a 'sport' button to weight up steering and throttle sensitivity for the twisty stuff, though this makes the 'cuddly' Panda turn nasty and your passengers won't like it one bit if you try to press on even a little.



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<b>ASTRA</b>							
2006	06	Astra Sxi CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	20,900	7,695
2007	57	Astra Sport Twin Top	1.8	2	Star Silver	14,650	11,995
2008	08	Astra Club Auto	1.8	5	Star silver	3,460	10,895
2008	58	Astra Sports hatch Sxi	1.4	3	Star silver	2,810	10,495
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2005	05	Corsa Sxi A/c	1.2	3	Silver light	38,019	5,295
2005	55	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Black sapphire	28,600	5,495
2008	08	New Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	3,025	8,995
2008	08	New Corsa Design	1.4	3	Star silver	2,950	9,495
2008	58	Corsa Club CDTi A/c	1.3D	5	Metro blue	Delivery	10,995
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2006	56	Meriva Design CDTi	1.7D	5	Metro blue	29,170	7,995
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2006	06	Tigra Exclusiv	1.4	2	Star silver	15,975	9,495
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2007	57	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	<b>8,995</b> WAS 9,695
2008	57	Astra Breeze Plus	1.7D	5	Star silver	12,300	<b>9,395</b> WAS 10,995
2008	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Star silver	17,300	<b>9,495</b> WAS 10,495
2008	08	Astra Exc IS200 Conv	1.9D	2	Black	8,885	<b>15,495</b> WAS 16,995
<b>CORSA</b>							
2007	57	New Corsa VXR	1.6	3	Arden blue	25,500	<b>10,995</b> WAS 11,295
2008	08	New Corsa VXR	1.6	3	Arden blue	4,700	<b>12,995</b> WAS 13,995
2008	08	New Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	2,000	<b>9,195</b> WAS 9,795
2008	08	New Corsa Breeze CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	1,880	<b>9,195</b> WAS 9,795
<b>MERIVA</b>							
2008	08	Meriva CDTi Breeze +	1.3D	5	Star silver	3,350	<b>10,995</b> WAS 11,995
2008	08	Meriva Breeze	1.4	5	Black sapphire	12,500	<b>8,495</b> WAS 8,995
<b>SIGNUM</b>							
2007	57	Signum Exclusiv CDTi Nav 1.9D	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,950	<b>10,995</b> WAS 12,995
<b>VECTRA</b>							
2008	57	Vectra CDTi Exclusive Auto 1.9D	1.9D	5	Ultra blue	5,350	<b>10,995</b> WAS 11,995
<b>ZAFIRA</b>							
2008	08	New Zafira Breeze CDTi + 1.9D	1.9D	5	Star silver	3,985	<b>12,895</b> WAS 13,995
2008	08	Zafira Club CDTi	1.9D	5	Star silver	8,500	<b>10,995</b> WAS 12,495
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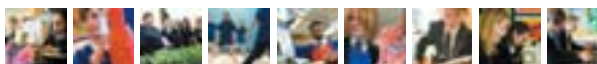
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You will either have QTS in English Teaching or currently be completing your GTP/PGCE year.

## TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS

We are seeking to appoint a Teacher of Mathematics to join the Academy for the 2009/2010 academic year. You could start from 1st September 2009, but we are happy to make the appointment from 1st July to facilitate planning and preparation time for the new term.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Report makes pitch for keeping sales skills up

ONE in five companies in the South East is experiencing a sales skills shortage, despite selling being critical in a recession, according to a new report.

The research, by sales recruitment and training specialist Pareto Law and its parent company Randstad, found a fifth of companies reported a lack of sales expertise in areas such as telephone selling, negotiation, presentation and account management skills.

Jonathan Fitchew, joint managing director, said: "Developing and training a strong sales team is critical to business success – now more than ever."

"Companies need to invest in ensuring their sales people have the skills to quickly impact on business performance."

"In a difficult market it's all about having the knowledge to think creatively, looking at new markets, opportunities and strategies that will help the business not only survive but come out of the recession in a stronger position."

### Expert Freud will give Lord Mayor's lecture

DAVID Freud, one of Britain's leading economic experts, will give this year's Lord Mayor of Canterbury's lecture, and it's open to everyone.

His talk, *The Crash and Beyond*, will cover a variety of local, national and international issues. There will also be a question and answer session.

In particular, he will look at the crash of 2008 and what it means for the country now, the likely impact of high-speed train services on Canterbury, welfare reform, the challenge of growth for third sector organisations and the economics of the Israel/Palestine impasse.

Lord Mayor Cllr Carolyn Parry said: "It will be a thought-provoking evening."

The talk is at the University of Kent's Keynes Lecture Theatre 1 on Friday, from 6pm. The event is free and booking is not required. Mr Freud's career spans financial journalism, the City, national welfare policy and international politics. He was appointed adviser on welfare reform to the Government in 2008.

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Julie Maddocks asks: "In business, is small really beautiful?" Search 'crunch'

# Use hidden talents – or your number's up

## Accountants crucial in small firms' fight for survival

■ BY TONY PATEY

**SMALLER** Kent companies – which make up most of the firms in the county – have been urged to unlock the hidden talents of their accountants in the fight for survival and thriving for the future.

They have been told that number-crunchers aren't just good with the profit and loss account and the balance sheet, they can also help with general business advice such as how to unlock finance.

Smaller businesses, with tighter profit margins, fewer overheads to cut and limited access to credit, are especially vulnerable in the downturn and need to make the best use of all their contacts.

The advice comes from Kent accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill, which has offices in Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone.

Big businesses and larger organisations can seek advice from investment bankers or from their external public relations and marketing support teams.

However, for smaller companies these options are not always available and they could use their accountants for help, advice, ideas and strategic guidance.

Mark Anderson, a partner with HCW, said an accountant can act as an objective, impartial sounding board.

He said: "Communication between a business and its advisers is always important but particularly so during difficult trading times."

"Planning ahead and liaising closely with your accountants can alleviate many future problems and ensure a business is ready for anything that may arise."



**NUMBER CRUNCH:** Mark Anderson of accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill has advice for Kent's small firms

"Going through potential scenarios which may impact a business – such as the loss of a key supplier or client – is a worthwhile exercise and can mean less panic and stress should the worst occur. Thinking ahead can help a company stay physically ahead."

The downturn has also brought into sharper focus one of the key accountancy activities – tracking cash in and out of businesses. Now, cash flow is vital.

Mr Anderson said: "Accountancy firms' traditional skills can help their clients by chasing

up cash from debtors, checking credit references and keeping an eye on the financial health of clients."

"Your accountant can also be very important in putting your case forward when raising funds from lenders, whether they are a bank or a private investor. He or she may well have important knowledge about which lenders are best placed and most willing to do business in the current climate, and what other sources of funding may be available, such as private equity and venture capital."

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LOB: Lewis Rivett (in red) goes close for Norton

## Norton hold on after bright start at Sevenoaks

### Sevenoaks Town 0 Norton Sports 2

TWO goals in the opening 20 minutes gave Norton Sports their second win of the year.

Following another enforced two-week break, Ben Taylor's side returned to action at Sevenoaks and picked up the win needed to put them level on points with their opponents.

Norton started the game at a high pace and were pulling most of the strings, forcing the home side to resort to a long ball game. On 15 minutes Norton's territorial advantage was converted into goals when some tight passing saw Tony Clark slip in Tom

### FOOTBALL

Price for a well-taken opener. Norton continued to press and within two minutes had won a free-kick 35 yards out. Skipper Jack Goodger hit the ball to the far post where Scott Appleton got a knock down to Tom Nunn who half volleyed home from 15 yards.

The visitors needed to be positive from the start of the second period and on 48 minutes looked as though they might have increased their lead as a Price header looked to be going in until a defender popped up to head

the ball over the bar. The game stagnated a little after this and Norton were guilty of giving the ball away. Sevenoaks piled on the pressure which resulted in Paul West having to make a good reaction save on the hour.

On 80 minutes they should have sewn things up when good interchange passes set up Jamie Sharman, but his effort was well blocked before falling to Rob Welling, whose delayed shot was blocked. West ensured the clean sheet with another impressive save in the dying minutes.

Norton return to action on Saturday at Tunbridge Wells.

## Bourne put Truss in captain's kicking

SITTINGBOURNE'S fine season continues in Kent 1 after a comfortable 23-10 win over Ashford at The Grove.

It was Bourne's third win in a row and keeps them six points behind runaway leaders Medway.

Ashford opened the scoring with a converted try and then a penalty before Sittingbourne hit back with three penalties from captain Scott Truss to take the score to 10-9 at the break.

Two converted tries in the second half secured the win for in-form Sittingbourne.

Bourne travel to fourth-placed Dartfordians on Saturday hoping for a chance to close the gap on the league's top two.

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Gillingham captain Barry Fuller discusses his pneumonia scare

## Swimmers grit teeth on way to PBs at gala

FAVERSHAM Swimming Club bathed in glory as they scooped second place at the Folkestone Development Gala in Dover.

Faversham's squad showed grit and determination and their consistently strong performances earned them 16 first places, with personal best times being broken throughout the gala.

Head coach Sharon Wenn praised Bethany Judd, Molly McKenna, Nathaniel Bancroft, Elise Annand and Connor Annand for their performances in their first gala.

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PIECE OF MAGIC: Shane Hamshare's (left) 30-yard thunderbolt pulled Faversham level with Slade Green, but manager Justin Luchford felt his side had done enough for a win



Pictures: GOR KUPCO

# Wonder strike nets share of the spoils for Lilywhites

### FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

### Slade Green 1

Ramirez 13

### Faversham Town 1

Hamshare 69

League, but regretted his players' composure in front of goal.

He said: "I have never seen such a one-sided game in my life. I lost count of the number of corners we had and if it had been 10-1 I don't think anyone would have said it was undeserved."

"We just couldn't find the back of the net, but they did what I asked of them and I was pleased with how we played as we've had a bit of a rocky spell."

The signing of Thompson up front means Damian Abel finally has someone to play off and at this stage of the season, could prove a shrewd move.

### Faversham starting XI



Subs used: Hetterley (O'Brien 65), Oyebarjo (Thompson 75), Ives (Sparks 80)

Does that mean Luchford is finally happy with his squad?

"I am happy with what I have got but at this stage of the season you need all your players," he said. "We have Dave Botterill out with a bad back and I don't know when he will be back and now we have Soutan out for three games. I hope that's it but you never know."

"Whatever happens this year, I want to keep 95 per cent of the squad together. It's important for me to now talk to the players about next season, I can't put them on contract but if they give me their word then that will be enough."

Town travel to Beckenham on Saturday.



# De Bolla debut highlight of Bourne's derby stalemate

## FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

### Sittingbourne 1

Brady 76

### Ashford Town 1

Smith 46

A CONTROVERSIAL second-half equaliser from Richard Brady earned Sittingbourne a point in a tense Kent derby against old adversaries Ashford Town.

After a dire first half at Bourne Park, the game sprang to life in the second period as both sides went for the win and despite conceding just 30 seconds into the second half, the Brickies were left wondering how they hadn't finished with all three points.

New signing Mark De Bolla was thrown straight into team for his debut, while fellow new boy Mark Cleary had to settle for a seat on the bench. Ian Varley made a return to the defence after several weeks out with an ankle injury which meant Billy Manners sat out.

Both sides started the game looking like they were afraid to commit men going forward, which meant the majority of the first half was played in the midfield with chances at a premium.



**LEVEL:** Goalscorer Richard Brady and Elie Kayembe celebrate Sittingbourne's late equaliser

The Brickies had the first sniff of a goal after eight minutes, when Colin Richmond's angled pass found its way to Brady, but Town goalkeeper Seb Barton snuffed out the chance.

After waiting 45 minutes for something to talk about, Ashford opened the scoring in the first minute of the second half. A hopeful long ball was poorly punched out by Matt Reed, straight into the path of Orlando Smith, who drilled the ball low into the net.

The Brickies looked shell-shocked and took time to settle down, which gave Ashford a chance to take the initiative. They went close

### Sittingbourne starting XI



Subs used: Reeves (Akhazzan 45), Kayembe (De Bolla 75).

again in the 56th minute when a Ryan Briggs cross was headed just over by the onrushing Charlie Glyde.

The home side laid siege on the Ashford goal and finally got an equaliser on 76 minutes when a run down the left from substitute Elie Kayembe saw the striker hit a low cross into the Ashford box and there was leading scorer Brady to bundle the ball home. Ashford's players were left incensed as Kayembe looked to have overrun the ball and it appeared it could have gone out before he retrieved it.

The Brickies went in search of a winner and had a great chance when Brady ran through and crossed to Bradbrook in acres of space on the penalty box, but the striker somehow smashed the ball high over the ball.

Ryan Andrews then had a great effort on the volley from the edge of the box but the full-back's shot hit the side netting. Sittingbourne came close again in injury-time when Brady's effort was cleared off the line and Richmond's long-range effort just went over, but in the end neither side will be happy with a point.

## FOOTBALL



**SERIOUS SIDE:** Garry Abbott may be comical, but his team's promotion hopes are nothing to laugh at

## Sitt-com, but duo know when to put on a straight face

WAITING around by the changing rooms for a manager to give you a few words of wisdom following a game can often be quite a lonely experience. If sitting in the cold for an hour-and-a-half hasn't left you questioning whether you will ever get the feeling back in you feet, waiting around for a manager certainly will.

The one consolation at Sittingbourne is getting the chance to speak to manager Garry Abbott and his assistant Richard Brady.

For those that have come across the duo, you will know what I mean. For those that haven't, they are about as comical as they come.

Following Saturday's 1-1 draw with rivals Ashford Town at Bourne Park, Brady was first out the changing rooms to give us his views of the game, where he declared new signing Mark De Bolla man of the match. Midway through Brady's critique of the club's brashest signing, Abbott joined in having missed the majority of the conversation but in full agreement with his assistant.

Brady then quipped: "What are you on about, who am I talking about?"

"De Bolla," Abbott said to fits of laughter from the assorted press. "Don't worry - he starts the sentences and I finish them."

Despite their comical side, Sittingbourne are a serious side heading for the play-offs and with a bit of luck, could have been the first team to beat Ashford in 15 attempts.

The signing of De Bolla, which Brady managed to secure through the social networking site Facebook, is testament to their pull as a management team.

"[De Bolla] is one of my mates who I played with at Kent," Brady said. "He then went to Aston Villa and I went to QPR. I saw him on Facebook the other day, sent him a message and he was happy to sign for us. He only played 75 minutes but was the best player on the pitch."

For more reaction to the weekend's draw, visit [www.yoursware.co.uk](http://www.yoursware.co.uk).

## Court lead the way in bid for promotion

## HOCKEY

GORE Court moved to within a point of an automatic promotion spot in South Hockey 2 after a 5-3 win against London Wayfarers.

The Sittingbourne side hit their straps early on and scored courtesy of an Aaron Glass penalty after two minutes.

Court should have added to this lead but slack defending allowed Wayfarers to equalise.

Court continued to dominate and just before half-time, Paul Surridge set up Richard Dixon to score from close range.

With only a minute to go to the break, Court capitalised on uncertainty in the visitors' defence as Glass again stepped up to score from a corner.

In the second half, Court went down to ten men and conceded from a short corner. Another goal minutes later levelled the match.

Another Court player was then sin binned, however, as has been the case this season, Court dug deep and with only a minute to go, were awarded a short corner. A dummy by Dixon set Tom Oyler up for the shot and he thrashed the ball off the goalkeeper and in to the net.

There was still time for Court to have one last attack and Glass converted a penalty flick to compete his hat-trick.



**ON TOP:** Gore Court moved closer to promotion

## Shakey on track for new challenge



**CRUNCH TIME:** Shane Byrne says financial crisis will not prevent him riding after team-mate, Alex Polita, was dropped

## SUPERBIKES

SHANE Byrne will compete in every round of the World Superbike Championship despite his Sterilgarda Ducati team being hit by the economic crisis.

With just a week before the opening round of the championship in Australia, the Italian-based Ducati team announced they are to drop Byrne's team-mate Alex Polita.

Due to the economic situation the team are unable to finance Polita for the first two rounds of the championship in Australia and Qatar.

Team manager, Marco Borciani, told the team's website: "Unfortunately, the economic scenario has cut the assistance of several sponsors who were supposed to help the team for the 2009 season. I'm really sorry for Alex, who is a talented young rider with whom I hope to again be able to work with in the future."

With motorsport being hit hard during the

downturn, Sheppey rider and reigning British Superbike champion Byrne, has confirmed he will not be affected by the cut backs at the team.

He told Yoursware: "As far as I am aware I will be competing in every round. I think the problem is Alex has had one of his major sponsors pull out which is a shame. The sponsor funds most of his ride. So as a result of that, I think the team are hoping to have him compete at the first European round of the championship."

After topping the time sheets at an official test at Portimao last month, Byrne is eager to begin his first season in the World Superbike Championship.

With the opening round at Phillip Island in Australia on March 1, Byrne faces the challenge of learning a brand new circuit during the race weekend. He will be further disadvantaged as the majority of teams, excluding Sterilgarda Ducati, will take part in a test session at the circuit later this month.

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Choose from 6 healthy dishes including

**ONION BHAJI £2.50**

**HARYALI PONEER SHASHLIK £3.50**

Cubes of freshly homemade cheese marinated with tomatoes, onions and green peppers and fresh ground spices

### TRADITIONAL STARTERS

Choose your favourite dish from a choice of 7 including

**TANDOORI CHICKEN £2.95**

**SHEEK KEBAB £2.95**

Skewered mince lamb mixed with chilliers chat massala

served on a thin fried floppy bread.

**CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA £2.95**

Diced chicken breast or lamb marinated in yoghurt and fenugreek

### GOURMET CHOICE

The Gourmet Choice represents the style of cooking known as the "dum pukht" originated in the food courts of the Moghul Emperors and represents the pinnacle of Indian dining - here are some examples

**DUM PUKHT BIRIANI £8.95**

Aromatic basmati rice cooked with lamb served with cucumber raita

**NADAN KURSI CURRY (mild) £6.95**

Pieces of chicken cooked in the clay oven served with a mild sauce. Spinach, fresh mint, cashew nut and cream

**NALI GOSHT KURMA (medium hot) £10.95**

Baby lamb shank cooked in a onion and tomato sauce flavoured with black cardamom served with Pilau rice.

### HOUSE SPECIALITIES

A succulent selection of 9 dishes - including

**CHICKEN OR LAMB JALFREZI £6.95**

A hot dish prepared with fresh ginger, garlic, green chillies, red and green peppers and fresh coriander, cooked in a light gravy.

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We present our own exclusive recipe of succulent tikka in a smooth massala sauce.

### SPICE LOUNGE SPECIAL BIRIANI £9.95

Cooked with chicken, lamb and prawn served with vegetable curry.

### REGIONAL DISHES

Dishes in this section are picked from the different regions of India

**SOUTH INDIAN GARLIC CHILLI CHICKEN £6.95**

Barbequed pieces of chicken cooked in fresh garlic and chilli sauce

**HYDERABADI LAMB ACHARI £6.95**

Slightly pickled lamb cooked in a medium to fairly hot sauce

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Very popular bangladeshi dish cooked with a xacuti sauce combined with ground mix spices and chat massala.

### TRADITIONAL MAIN COURSES

Choose from your favourites – here's a selection:

**CURRY MADRAS AND VINDALOO**

Choose from Chicken or lamb £5.25 - prawn £6.50

**King prawn £7.95 Vegetable £4.95**

All these dishes are cooked with fresh curry leaves, coriander and ground spices.

### KURMA

Choose from Chicken or lamb £5.95 - prawn £6.96

**king prawn £8.95 Vegetable £4.95**

Cooked with a yoghurt sauce and enriched with mild coconut, redolent or cardamom mace and yogurt cream sauce.

A very smooth and rich dish that is full of colour:

**DHANSAK (served with pilau rice)**

Choose from chicken or lamb £6.95 - prawn £7.95

**king prawn £9.95 vegetable £5.95**

All Dhansak dishes are cooked with lentils in a sweet and sour sauce which is fairly hot.

### FISH SELECTION

All our fish are locally sourced from Whitstable and Herne Bay on a daily basis - just look at this as a selection of our dishes:

**THALI MACHI £10.95**

Pan fried sea bass cooked with coconut, tomato and coconut milk served with lemon rice with cashew nuts.

**MEEN MOILEY £9.95**

Red Snapper cooked with fresh curry leaves, onions, tomato and coconut sauce.

**SOFT SHELL CRAB MASSALA £8.95**

Various spices mixed with our chefs mild creamy coconut and cashew nut sauce.

### NORTH INDIAN TANDOORI SPECIALITIES

Healthy and earthy tones of our Tandoori dishes is achieved by the use of only fresh herbs and spices in the marinade resulting in a delicious and succulent kebab - served with salad and mint yoghurt

**HALF TANDOORI CHICKEN £5.95**

**CHICKEN OR LAMB TIKKA £5.95**

**TANDOORI KING PRAWN £9.95**

Are just a selection of our 7 dishes

### VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

Choose from one of 5 fabulously tasty dishes

**SMOKED AUBERGINE £6.95**

Aubergine cooked in a clay over flavoured with black cardamom served with vegetable paratha

**HARA BARA KOFTA £6.95**

Spinach and potato dumpling stuffed with prunes

in a tomato and fenugreek sauce.

### GOURMET VEGETABLES

All our vegetables are locally sourced and are all £2.95 per dish including

**DHINGI PALAK**

Spinach and mushrooms

**BAKARA BEGUN**

Fried baby Aubergine mixed with ground flour cooked with a mild cashew nut sauce

**GUJRATTI KADDU**

Red pumpkin sauted with fennel and onion seeds.

### VEGETABLE SIDE DISHES

All your favourites and all at £2.95 per dish including

**VEGETABLE CURRY (mixed vegetable curry)**

**BOMBAY ALOO**

The famous potato dish

**BHINDI BHAJI**

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